

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 and 13-26 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9 and 13-15 have been allowed. Claims 4, 5, 8, and 16-26 have been objected to. Claims 4, 8, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, and 25 have been amended. No new matter has been added by the amendments. Applicant believes that the remarks presented herein below address each of the Examiner's objections to the claims.

### **Claim Objections**

The Examiner has provided a detailed listing of informalities regarding claims 4, 5, 8, and 16-26. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's comments and has acted to amend the claims in accordance with the Examiner's comments.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9 and 13-15 are allowed. As the amendments and remarks above do not bear upon these claims, their status is believed to remain unchanged and ready for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the claims objected to, claims 4, 5, 8, and 16-26, as now amended, in addition to previously allowed claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, and 13-15 now be recognized as the full set of allowable claims.

## **CONCLUSION**

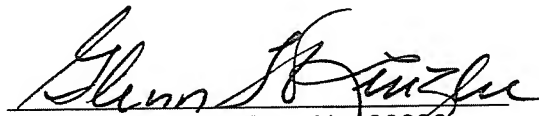
In view of the above remarks and amendments to the claims, Applicant believes that Applicant has addressed all of the issues raised in the Office Action dated July 9, 2008, and Applicant respectfully solicits a Notice of Allowance for claims 4, 5, 8 and 16-26 to combine with the previous indication of allowance for claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9, and 13-15. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Applicant believes that all of the issues raised by the Examiner related to the pending claims have been addressed. However, in the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession to that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because any arguments made during the course of prosecution may not be

exhaustive, reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) may exist which have not been expressed. finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

It is believed that no fees are due; however, should any fee be deemed necessary in connection with this Amendment and Response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or overpayment to Deposit Account 121660.

Respectfully submitted,



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